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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

Marriages in year 1958 -
Monthly average 542
Therefore Annual total = 12 X 542 = 6,504
(Actual figure is 6,505)

Births in March quarter 1959 -
Monthly average 1,698
Therefore quarterly total = 3 X 1,698 = 5,094
(Actual figure is 5,095)

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
- (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.

e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = 3 X monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

ABBREVIATIONS USED.

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

n.a.	Not available	p	Preliminary figures
..	Nil (or less than 0.5)	r	Revised since previous issue

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

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Period	Births (a)	Marriages (a)	Deaths (a)		Net Migration	Population (c)	
			Infant (b)	Total		Whole State	Metro- politan
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year:	1955	1,541	519	36	628	1,286	834,635
	1956	1,580	523	31	633	1,326	861,912
	1957	1,628	548	34	631	1,028	886,203
	1958	1,671	542	37	645	790	907,992
	1959	1,698	551	35	662	1,167	934,427
Quarter:							
June	1957	1,513	572	27	582	547	873,123
Sept.		1,755	485	43	787	1,391	880,200
Dec.		1,572	561	30	586	1,016	886,203
Mar.	1958	1,662	563	33	562	882	892,149
June		1,619	575	31	607	521	896,750
Sept.		1,715	485	46	767	712	901,728
Dec.		1,687	546	41	646	1,047	907,992
Mar.	1959	1,698	597	35	590	1,149	914,763
June		1,630	543	30	638	1,032	920,835
Sept.		1,865	484	49	850	1,154	927,341
Dec.		1,598	580	27	569	1,333	934,427
Mar.	1960	1,742(d)	551	32	580	n.a.	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Jan.	1958	1,775	532	44	681		
Feb.		1,485	597	19	449		
Mar.		1,725	560	35	555		NOT
Jan.	1959	1,771	693	38	664		
Feb.	"	1,460	542	40	638		
Mar.		1,864	557	26	469		AVAILABLE
Jan.	1960	1,015(d)	675	39	649		
Feb.		2,133(d)	525	21	534		
Mar.		2,077(d)	454	37	557		

(a) Registrations recorded during the period

(b) Under 1 year of age

(c) As at the end of each period.

* (d) Large variations due to change in registration procedure.

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

Period	Employment (a)						Basic Wage (b)	
	Total	Govern- ment	Private	Principal Industrial Groups				
				Factories	Const- ruction	Retail Trade		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	s. d.	
MONTH								
MALES								
July 1955	181.5	55.9	125.6	72.7	19.0	12.1	231 0	
1956	187.0	57.1	129.9	73.6	21.2	12.3	241 0	
1957	185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251 0	
1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256 0	
1959	191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271 0	
Nov. 1957	185.8	58.7	127.1	73.3	19.0	12.4	251 0	
Dec.	185.8	58.5	127.3	73.1	18.7	12.5	251 0	
Jan. 1958	186.6	58.8	127.8	73.7	18.7	12.4	251 0	
Nov.	186.8	59.6	127.2	73.4	19.1	12.5	256 0	
Dec.	187.0	59.4	127.6	73.4	19.1	12.7	256 0	
Jan. 1959	187.6	60.0	127.6	73.8	19.1	12.4	256 0	
Nov.	193.0	61.8	131.2	76.5	20.2	12.9	271 0	
Dec.	193.5	61.7	131.8	76.7	19.8	13.1	271 0	
Jan. 1960	194.8	61.8	133.0	77.6	19.7	13.1	271 0	
FEMALES								
July 1955	60.1	12.5	47.6	15.6	0.4	12.6	173 0	
1956	62.7	13.6	49.1	15.6	0.5	13.0	180 6	
1957	62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188 0	
1958	63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192 0	
1959	65.6	16.0	49.6	16.0	0.5	12.6	203 0	
Nov. 1957	63.5	14.1	49.4	16.0	0.5	12.8	188 0	
Dec.	63.3	13.9	49.4	16.3	0.5	12.5	188 0	
Jan. 1958	64.0	13.8	50.2	16.9	0.5	12.4	188 0	
Nov.	64.2	14.7	49.5	15.7	0.5	12.9	192 0	
Dec.	64.2	14.7	49.5	15.6	0.5	13.0	192 0	
Jan. 1959	64.8	14.8	50.0	16.4	0.5	12.7	192 0	
Nov.	67.7	16.1	51.6	16.7	0.5	13.3	203 0	
Dec.	67.5	15.9	51.6	16.7	0.5	13.2	203 0	
Jan. 1960	68.2	16.0	52.2	17.2	0.5	13.0	203 0	

(a) As at last pay-day in month. EXCLUDING rural workers, female private domestics and defence forces.

(b) At end of month.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Period	Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service			Unemployment Benefits		
	Vacancies filled	Vacancies available (a)	Applicants awaiting placement (a) (b)	Persons admitted	Amount paid	Persons on Benefit (a)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year:	1955	1,953	6,410	1,298	39	743
	1956	1,902	1,668	3,299	365	4,869
	1957	1,746	1,430	4,593	624	15,563
	1958	1,865	2,059	5,240	898	33,212
	1959	2,163	2,275	4,813	605	23,049
Quarter:						
June	1957	1,594	1,084	4,152	629	9,904
Sept.		1,586	1,385	4,164	791	17,683
Dec.		1,621	1,430	4,593	680	23,749
Mar.	1958	2,463	1,050	5,484	892	26,547
June		1,495	948	5,873	1,128	33,871
Sept.		1,604	1,344	5,439	961	42,136
Dec.		1,899	2,059	5,240	613	30,296
Mar.	1959	2,543	1,526	5,140	667	24,109
June		2,198	1,581	4,824	668	24,259
Sept.		2,107	1,825	4,388	625	24,400
Dec.		1,803	2,275	4,813	458	19,428
Mar.	1960	2,682	1,989	4,955	n.a.	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Jan.	1958	2,042	1,722	5,601	744	25,026
Feb.		2,952	1,219	5,524	871	24,435
Mar.		2,395	1,050	5,484	1,060	30,179
Jan.	1959	2,587	1,884	5,791	875	21,445
Feb.		2,527	1,753	5,648	628	31,774
Mar.		2,514	1,526	5,140	498	19,108
Jan.	1960	2,439	2,136	5,730	929	18,202
Feb.		2,764	2,117	5,073	585	18,422
Mar.		2,842	1,989	4,955	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed.
Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS
(WHOLE STATE)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings (a)		
	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)	
COMMENCEMENTS							
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year:	1954-55	599	1,767	6	13	672	2,496
	1955-56	698	2,131	11	27	781	3,600
	1956-57	569	1,792	25	55	662	2,657
	1957-58	579	1,875	42	90	684	2,971
	1958-59	677	2,170	63	153	822	3,561
Quarter:							
Mar.	1957	512	1,648	28	69	619	2,972
June		580	1,849	24	52	671	2,643
Sept.		644	2,106	42	108	760	3,029
Dec.		563	1,824	30	51	653	2,710
Mar.	1958	505	1,624	50	104	615	2,961
June		605	1,945	44	97	708	3,187
Sept.		638	2,029	85	238	816	3,612
Dec.		632	2,017	76	171	793	3,389
Mar.	1959	653	2,104	32	67	752	3,226
June		785	2,531	57	136	928	4,020
Sept.		755	2,456	59	150	895	4,276
Dec.		695	2,305	90	219	846	3,783
COMPLETIONS							
Year:	1954-55	610	1,721	9	19	688	2,257
	1955-56	643	1,940	7	17	721	2,810
	1956-57	599	1,900	19	43	688	2,833
	1957-58	634	2,059	31	73	733	3,171
	1958-59	679	2,188	53	130	808	3,700
Quarter:							
Mar.	1957	543	1,739	16	37	621	2,863
June		570	1,827	31	61	677	2,850
Sept.		641	2,036	32	82	743	3,003
Dec.		686	2,245	26	59	795	3,393
Mar.	1958	583	1,922	40	94	680	3,028
June		625	2,032	26	55	714	3,258
Sept.		680	2,191	54	131	799	3,244
Dec.		679	2,198	67	167	830	4,685
Mar.	1959	611	1,959	49	123	734	3,158
June		744	2,404	43	98	869	3,712
Sept.		719	2,339	51	119	853	3,771
Dec.		802	2,625	54	123	934	4,069

(a) See notes (b) and (c) on page 5.

BUILDINGS - PERMITS (a)

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(METROPOLITAN AREA)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings(c)	
	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year:	1954-55	477	1,339	6	11	537
	1955-56	471	1,447	11	17	537
	1956-57	361	1,140	37	64	448
	1957-58	381	1,220	45	73	474
	1958-59	406	r 1,318	53	r 119	492
<u>Quarter:</u>						
June	1957	439	1,386	65	112	558
Sept.		471	1,519	43	69	567
Dec.		357	1,127	44	72	449
Mar.	1958	302	1,006	49	80	397
June		392	1,228	43	72	485
Sept.		481	1,533	58	135	569
Dec.		359	1,155	50	100	446
Mar.	1959	382	r 1,263	38	r 86	450
June		400	1,319	65	155	502
Sept.		437	1,482	48	107	527
Dec.		461	1,526	36	79	531
Mar.	1960	459	1,591	96	210	588
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Jan.	1958	291	1,030	7	13	339
Feb.		265	927	113	187	431
Mar.		349	1,061	27	39	420
Jan.	1959	312	1,014	26	57	361
Feb.		441	1,455	34	83	504
Mar.		392	1,320	53	118	485
Jan.	1960	352	1,189	78	174	468
Feb.		504	1,811	58	128	587
Mar.		520	1,772	152	328	710

- (a) Includes Housing Trust, but excludes other Government authorisations.
 (b) Each dwelling unit of maisonettes and flats counted separately
 (c) Includes factories, shops and other new buildings but excludes additions and alterations.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Coal	Iron Ore (a)	Electricity	Clay Bricks (b)	Cement Roofing Tiles	Sawn Timber (c)
	tons	tons	'000 K.W.H.	'000	'000	'000 sup.ft.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year:						
1954-55	41,343	247,561	93,270	6,069	694	6,829
1955-56	37,555	268,980	100,293	6,264	805	8,295
1956-57	43,829	297,834	109,601	6,430	687	7,773
1957-58	59,131	276,729	131,737	7,060	650	6,909
1958-59	61,269	284,697	p 132,643	p 7,597	p 664	p 9,615
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	64,656	263,655	142,000	7,257	669	6,505
Dec.	50,323	295,178	129,100	6,951	640	6,263
Mar. 1958	63,951	273,373	126,000	6,768	633	6,839
June	57,593	274,712	129,800	7,263	658	8,030
Sept.	69,083	287,921	p 141,816	p 7,657	p 679	p 8,814
Dec.	61,046	281,526	p 120,434	p 7,593	p 574	p 9,091
Mar. 1959	54,418	278,090	p 128,145	p 6,927	p 584	p 8,847
June	60,530	291,251	p 140,179	p 8,213	p 820	p 11,708
Sept.	56,295	289,128	p 157,859	p 8,391	p 930	p 11,110
Dec.	58,882	282,600	p 147,555	p 8,130	p 870	p 9,951
Mar. 1960	61,533	287,358	p 143,399	n.a.	p 839	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Jan. 1958	61,554	n.a.	128,600	6,025	528	6,150
Feb.	65,118	n.a.	121,300	7,030	676	6,992
Mar.	65,182	n.a.	128,200	7,249	695	7,376
Jan. 1959	55,697	n.a.	p 124,264	p 5,637	p 381	p 7,099
Feb.	54,574	n.a.	p 126,959	p 7,653	p 676	p 9,117
Mar.	52,982	n.a.	p 133,213	p 7,491	p 695	p 10,325
Jan. 1960	62,126	n.a.	p 144,396	p 6,308	p 729	p 7,762
Feb.	60,879	n.a.	p 137,069	p 8,305	p 859	p 10,446
Mar.	61,594	n.a.	p 148,733	n.a.	p 929	n.a.

(a) Includes Jaspalite.

(b) Revised. These figures now include both standard and non-standard types.

(c) From Australian logs only.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Paints (other than water)& Enamels	Water Paints (Emulsion type)	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Electric Storage Hot Water Systems	Electric Washing Machines	Bath Heaters (all kinds)	Caravans
	galls	galls	Sq.yds	No.	No.	No.	No.
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year:	1954-55	n.a.	n.a.	91,417	478	6,432	1,014
	1955-56	n.a.	n.a.	86,102	599	5,897	1,007
	1956-57	n.a.	n.a.	74,868	379	4,348	951
	1957-58	106,419	25,437	76,293	428	5,182	902
	1958-59 p	99,566	r16,532	84,852	514	6,467	830
Quarter:							
Sept.	1957	100,056	35,442	80,699	471	4,575	1,178
Dec.		119,989	32,316	78,621	416	4,673	980
Mar.	1958	112,679	19,715	67,394	376	5,121	666
June		92,951	14,275	78,457	448	6,359	784
Sept.	p	106,590	20,451	88,825	505	6,647	1,041
Dec.	p	113,969	17,339	81,838	509	6,528	863
Mar.	1959 p	r 87,315	r14,273	79,844	472	5,413	679
June	p	90,389	14,065	88,902	568	7,278	737
Sept.	p	93,469	12,619	101,397	682	6,883	948
Dec.	p	94,216	16,582	91,163	587	5,253	613
Mar.	1960 p	92,114	15,151	n.a.	n.a.	6,739	n.a.
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Jan.	1958	99,989	25,960	66,960	319	3,875	694
Feb.		122,541	17,691	r 75,081	387	5,629	594
Mar.		115,507	15,493	60,142	422	5,860	710
Jan.	1959 p	64,309	12,505	65,266	390	4,216	526
Feb.	p	105,009	14,895	85,423	522	5,670	711
Mar.	p	92,628	15,420	88,843	504	6,354	800
Jan.	1960 p	66,722	12,229	r 63,756	495	4,337	472
Feb.	p	95,696	18,537	93,062	689	6,293	r 654
Mar.	p	113,923	14,687	n.a.	n.a.	9,588	n.a.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Inner Spring Mattresses	Footwear (a)	Men's 2 piece suits	Sports trousers	Meat (b)	
					Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton
	No.	pairs	No.	pairs	tons	tons
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year:						
1954-55	2,784	127,953	n.a.	n.a.	2,869	4,154
1955-56	3,526	128,112	n.a.	n.a.	3,126	3,695
1956-57	3,601	133,352	n.a.	n.a.	3,355	3,547
1957-58	4,127	r139,259	2,179	6,544	3,423	4,473
1958-59 p	4,142	133,479	2,210	r4,715	3,479	4,510
<u>Quarters:</u>						
Sept.	1957	4,331	150,138	2,590	6,646	3,461
Dec.		4,383	131,387	2,527	6,429	3,420
Mar.	1958	3,981	r127,128	1,945	6,673	3,280
June		3,814	148,381	1,655	6,427	3,529
Sept.	p	4,190	144,857	2,495	4,314	3,102
Dec.	p	4,215	129,360	2,313	5,725	3,631
Mar.	1959 p	3,813	106,764	r1,851	r4,239	3,636
June	p	4,349	152,935	2,180	4,582	3,548
Sept.	p	4,529	140,143	2,581	4,333	3,106
Dec.	p	4,819	132,888	2,756	4,900	2,996
Mar.	1960 p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Jan.	1958	3,575	86,932	1,580	3,760	3,535
Feb.		4,131	134,545	2,083	7,839	3,206
Mar.		4,236	159,906	2,173	8,419	3,100
Jan.	1959 p	3,022	65,080	1,453	2,616	3,482
Feb.	p	4,006	119,664	2,600	5,100	3,638
Mar.	p	4,411	135,549	1,500	5,000	3,788
Jan.	1960 p	3,417	88,528	r2,198	r3,858	2,953
Feb.	p	4,789	128,735	2,732	6,831	2,576
Mar.	p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

(b) Bone-in weight.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Butter (a)	Cheese (a)	Bacon and Ham (b)	Confect- ionery	Margarine	Aerated Waters
'000 lbs.					'000 gall.	
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year:	1954-55	1,588	2,446	582	357	171
	1955-56	1,598	2,358	617	391	190
	1956-57	1,576	2,232	590	415	238
	1957-58	1,313	1,959	554	409	257
	1958-59 p	1,317	2,084	541	450	273
Quarter:						
Sept.	1957	1,625	2,565	544	471	315
Dec.		1,885	3,491	680	385	216
Mar.	1958	r 885	966	500	351	230
June		856	815	493	429	267
Sept.	p	1,575	2,428	538	520	314
Dec.	p	1,911	3,736	669	430	238
Mar.	1959 p	906	1,233	454	348	257
June	p	876	939	505	500	284
Sept.	p	1,284	2,274	563	566	314
Dec.	p	1,533	3,314	676	445	258
Mar.	1960 p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	283
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Jan.	1958	1,235	1,693	488	276	283
Feb.		774	838	485	367	229
Mar.		645	367	528	409	178
Jan.	1959 p	1,169	1,989	426	280	290
Feb.	p	819	1,041	453	339	224
Mar.	p	729	670	483	426	258
Jan.	1960 p	1,004	1,905	440	248	273
Feb.	p	860	1,354	482	r 406	258
Mar.	p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	318

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Finished weight.

EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Lamb '000 lbs	Wheat '000 bush	Barley '000 bush	Wool (a) '000 lbs	Lead (Pig) '000 cwt	Minerals (b) '000 cwt
MONTHLY AVERAGES						
Year:						
1954-55	2,136	1,164	1,228	9,763	229	421
1955-56	1,437	1,325	1,159	11,772	239	470
1956-57	1,123	1,677	1,559	12,967	268	491
1957-58	1,394	1,229	1,466	11,516	272	655
1958-59 p	1,790	1,199	1,474	13,051	237	r 509
Quarter:						
Mar. 1957	782	1,809	2,137	13,492	290	451
June	6	1,549	1,887	14,432	243	428
Sept.	148	1,366	2,600	10,665	262	1,038
Dec.	3,980	1,584	1,118	14,817	253	630
Mar. 1958	1,075	1,136	856	10,970	301	554
June	374	829	1,290	9,610	270	397
Sept. p	558	914	1,458	r 9,671	203	555
Dec. p	4,389	1,044	132	16,311	252	571
Mar. 1959 p	2,161	r 1,634	r 2,384	r 12,872	241	278
June p	51	r 1,203	r 1,920	r 13,352	253	r 633
Sept. p	331	2,188	1,284	11,355	139	539
Dec. p	2,546	711	2,405	17,806	281	318
MONTHLY TOTALS						
Dec. 1957	7,388	1,204	287	11,352	174	326
Jan. 1958	1,523	1,499	1,148	12,543	357	991
Feb. p	146	799	815	10,755	271	347
Dec. p	5,964	583	89	14,417	168	506
Jan. 1959 p	5,332	r 1,625	1,957	13,727	269	237
Feb. p	1,002	1,529	3,011	12,980	266	312
Dec. p	2,966	494	1,507	16,236	226	206
Jan. 1960 p	1,474	62	705	12,828	132	458
Feb. p	1,862	1,014	1,223	12,657	172	468

(a) Greasy, including scoured, tops, noils and soft wool waste converted to greasy equivalent.

(b) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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Period	Total Exports	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool	Lead (Pig)	Minerals (a)
£'000							
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year:	1954-55	8,139	223	825	658	2,883	1,399
	1955-56	7,923	141	921	586	2,919	1,598
	1956-57	10,244	95	1,152	772	4,122	1,834
	1957-58	8,323	139	890	716	3,045	1,309
	1958-59	7,576	179	845	850	2,634	1,036
Quarter:							
Mar.	1957	11,072	65	1,274	1,101	4,408	2,007
June		10,822	1	1,066	881	4,970	1,556
Sept.		9,476	15	960	1,186	3,258	1,454
Dec.		9,502	398	1,142	503	4,060	1,291
Mar.	1958	7,462	104	830	470	2,747	1,316
June		6,854	37	630	705	2,115	1,173
Sept.		r 6,426	56	686	804	2,020	867
Dec.		7,540	439	763	78	3,160	1,178
Mar.	1959	r 7,974	215	r 1,144	r 1,419	r 2,467	1,042
June		r 8,366	5	r 789	r 1,101	r 2,888	r 1,059
Sept.	p	r 7,810	33	1,529	615	2,565	599
Dec.	p	9,527	189	510	1,042	4,308	1,282
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Dec.	1957	6,931	739	882	122	2,964	827
Jan.	1958	8,715	142	1,116	488	3,246	1,542
Feb.		7,241	15	581	545	2,596	1,183
Dec.		r 6,297	596	418	52	2,765	735
Jan.	1959	r 8,401	531	r 1,158	1,166	r 2,623	r 1,153
Feb.		8,412	99	1,057	1,797	2,465	1,167
Dec.	p	8,095	197	360	650	3,866	1,048
Jan.	1960 p	5,821	98	45	305	3,166	575
Feb.	p	7,426	123	731	527	2,967	790

(a) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Total Imports	Motor Vehicles & Parts	Machinery		Iron and Steel (b)	Textiles	Timber					
			Electric Motors (a)	Other								
£'000												
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>												
Year:	1954-55	5,400	886	225	638	607	350					
	1955-56	5,229	707	289	661	582	281					
	1956-57	3,784	378	230	551	282	208					
	1957-58	3,925	367	251	614	212	263					
	1958-59	3,779	433	312	560	166	235					
<u>Quarter:</u>												
Mar.	1957	3,428	298	222	507	279	202					
June		3,195	234	197	472	241	205					
Sept.		4,357	398	297	786	276	294					
Dec.		3,964	399	209	600	184	225					
Mar.	1958	4,052	369	315	621	231	302					
June		3,328	304	181	447	157	230					
Sept.		3,659	431	284	521	167	255					
Dec.		3,971	338	261	566	162	221					
Mar.	1959	3,647	316	396	553	188	257					
June		3,840	647	308	600	147	207					
Sept.	p	4,741	613	372	651	154	242					
Dec.	p	4,984	487	730	1,015	126	220					
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>												
Nov.	1957	4,408	644	235	806	227	239					
Dec.		3,042	232	199	511	186	194					
Jan.	1958	4,949	512	355	748	379	323					
Nov.		3,435	430	216	556	150	211					
Dec.		3,812	226	200	563	163	214					
Jan.	1959	3,779	246	710	564	281	266					
Nov.	p	4,446	544	384	751	190	255					
Dec.	p	6,507	596	1,380	1,394	124	233					
Jan.	1960 p	4,075	532	337	823	216	171					

(a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.

(b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

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Period	New Motor Vehicles Registered				Licences Issued		Telephone Services Connected
	Total (a)	Cars	Station Wagons	Trucks & Utilities	Radio	Tele- vision	
MONTHLY AVERAGE	Number of New Registrations				No.	No.	No.
Year:							
1955	2,309	1,567	19	461	1,366	..	1,106
1956	1,937	1,278	23	414	1,627	..	1,325
1957	1,906	1,279	51	367	1,486	..	1,337
1958	1,966	1,246	152	357	1,692	..	1,438
1959	2,139	1,253	272	396	1,589	2,838	1,619
Quarter:							
June	1,848	1,233	56	366	1,642	..	1,195
Sept.	1,863	1,249	52	350	1,572	..	1,557
Dec.	2,108	1,412	76	373	1,340	..	1,414
Mar. 1958	1,863	1,160	100	342	1,326	..	1,592
June	1,938	1,268	145	324	1,850	..	1,334
Sept.	1,891	1,209	158	343	1,799	..	1,334
Dec.	2,158	1,340	204	414	1,795	..	1,492
Mar. 1959	1,929	1,156	199	389	1,444	..	1,341
June	1,947	1,088	234	403	1,897	2,007	2,032
Sept.	2,135	1,222	313	377	1,644	3,752	1,595
Dec.	2,546	1,546	342	416	1,372	5,594	1,509
Mar. 1960	2,116	1,315	293	286	1,269	8,057	1,779
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Jan. 1958	1,665	1,026	47	280	1,125	..	1,384
Feb.	1,861	1,169	106	343	1,384	..	2,032
Mar.	2,064	1,286	148	402	1,468	..	1,361
Jan. 1959	1,738	1,064	140	351	1,328	..	1,360
Feb.	1,950	1,172	218	371	1,588	..	1,447
Mar.	2,098	1,231	240	445	1,416	..	1,216
Jan. 1960	1,452	917	137	228	1,066	4,614	1,496
Feb.	2,313	1,424	344	318	1,212	5,878	1,554
Mar.	2,582	1,603	397	311	1,529	13,678	2,287
AS AT 31ST MAR.	Total Vehicles on Register (b)				Total (c)		
1958	259,258	171,516	66,791	236,842	..	167,207	
1959	268,296	181,060	67,175	244,429	..	177,524	
1960	273,725	189,719	66,082	251,283	58,230	190,123	

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses, Motor Cycles.

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

RETAIL SALES

Period	Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine & Spirits	Clothing Footwear etc.	Electrical Goods (b)	Other Goods (c)	Total (Excl. motor vehicles)	Motor Vehicles		
MONTHLY AVERAGES				£ million					
Year: 1952-53	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.6	3.4	12.0	3.8		
1953-54	4.3	1.3	3.0	0.7	3.7	13.0	4.3		
1954-55	4.8	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.0	14.2	5.1		
1955-56	5.2	1.5	3.5	0.8	4.3	15.3	5.5		
1956-57	5.6	1.7	3.4	0.8	4.5	16.0	5.6		
1957-58	5.7	1.7	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.2	5.6		
1958-59 p	6.2	1.6	3.6	1.1	4.7	17.2	r 6.2		
Quarter:									
Mar. 1957	5.5	1.8	2.9	0.7	4.3	15.2	5.5		
June	5.6	1.5	3.7	0.7	4.3	15.8	5.7		
Sept.	5.6	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.4	5.6		
Dec.	5.8	1.9	4.0	1.1	5.1	17.9	5.8		
Mar. 1958	5.6	1.8	2.9	0.9	4.2	15.4	5.6		
June	5.7	1.5	3.6	0.8	4.4	16.0	5.4		
Sept. p	5.9	1.4	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.1	r 5.8		
Dec. p	6.5	1.8	4.1	1.1	5.3	18.8	r 6.4		
Mar. 1959 p	6.2	1.8	3.0	0.9	4.4	16.3	r 6.1		
June p	6.3	r 1.4	3.9	1.2	4.7	r 17.5	r 6.4		
Sept. p	6.3	1.5	3.7	1.5	r 4.8	r 17.8	r 6.2		
Dec. p	6.9	1.9	4.4	2.1	5.8	r 21.1	7.2		

- (a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
- (b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.
- (c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.).

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE (a)

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(Of Finance Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves)

Period	Number of agreements No.	Value of goods sold (b) £'000	Amount financed (c) £'000	Balances outstanding (end of period) £'000
MONTHLY AVERAGES				
Year: 1954-55	7,395	r 2,258	1,403	18,633
1955-56	r 7,853	r 2,417	1,518	21,618
1956-57	r 8,526	r 2,754	1,770	25,349
1957-58	r 10,769	r 2,889	r 1,899	28,761
1958-59	11,829	3,147	2,080	32,862
Quarter:				
Mar. 1957	r 8,198	r 2,727	r 1,755	25,226
June	r 8,488	r 2,549	r 1,641	25,349
Sept.	9,645	r 2,654	1,726	25,800
Dec.	11,717	r 3,039	2,011	27,454
Mar. 1958	10,714	r 2,876	1,895	27,898
June	r 11,000	r 2,985	r 1,962	28,761
Sept.	11,429	3,000	1,964	29,719
Dec.	13,145	3,465	2,293	31,867
Mar. 1959	11,164	2,956	1,952	32,143
June	11,578	3,167	2,110	32,862
Sept.	12,158	3,427	2,296	34,576
Dec.	14,229	4,048	2,785	38,136
MONTHLY TOTALS				
Dec. 1957	12,554	r 3,005	2,020	27,454
Jan. 1958	11,035	r 2,897	1,926	27,808
Feb.	10,421	2,763	1,827	27,921
Dec. 1959	14,998	3,661	2,464	31,867
Jan.	11,658	2,953	1,962	32,180
Feb.	11,300	2,876	1,908	32,332
Oct.	13,677	3,872	2,668	35,488
Nov.	13,532	3,971	2,702	36,577
Dec.	15,478	4,301	2,985	38,136
Jan. 1960	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 38,450
Feb.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 38,779

(a) Includes Northern Territory

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance)

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Period	Receipts			Payments				
	Total (incl. other)	Cwlth Grants	Business under- takings	Total (incl. other)	Social Services	Debt Charges	Business under- takings	
£'000								
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>								
Year:	1954-55	4,324	1,343	1,752	4,510	1,159	815	1,556
	1955-56	4,950	1,665	1,885	5,069	1,363	982	1,593
	1956-57	5,480	1,885	1,995	5,484	1,504	1,101	1,639
	1957-58	5,887	2,050	2,109	5,920	1,659	1,217	1,705
	1958-59	6,057	2,089	2,099	6,142	1,908	1,340	1,601
Quarter:								
June	1957	6,583	2,668	1,926	6,262	1,702	1,439	1,754
Sept.		4,820	1,700	1,726	3,962	1,549	901	1,720
Dec.		6,002	1,842	2,626	6,320	1,674	1,344	1,762
Mar.	1958	5,806	1,710	2,236	5,492	1,554	899	1,620
June		6,919	2,949	1,849	6,907	1,857	1,721	1,716
Sept.		4,627	1,724	1,390	5,193	1,747	994	1,611
Dec.		6,433	1,820	2,832	6,693	1,945	1,457	1,603
Mar.	1959	5,784	1,770	2,175	5,617	1,772	1,090	1,538
June		7,383	3,043	1,998	7,066	2,167	1,817	1,651
Sept.		5,201	1,916	1,666	5,898	2,096	1,198	1,719
Dec.		6,775	2,037	2,762	7,030	2,162	1,536	1,645
Mar.	1960	6,273	1,904	2,081	6,191	2,080	1,224	1,698
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>								
Jan.	1958	6,262	1,651	2,465	5,886	1,529	798	1,626
Feb.		5,435	1,649	1,991	5,163	1,462	941	1,625
Mar.		5,722	1,830	2,252	5,427	1,672	959	1,609
Jan.	1959	5,944	1,793	2,024	5,126	1,645	823	1,490
Feb.		5,971	1,758	2,405	5,804	1,708	1,359	1,549
Mar.		5,437	1,759	2,095	5,922	1,963	1,088	1,576
Jan.	1960	6,487	1,904	2,127	5,596	1,892	899	1,699
Feb.		6,308	1,903	2,282	6,264	1,851	1,717	1,582
Mar.		6,025	1,904	1,835	6,712	2,498	1,055	1,814

REAL ESTATE AND BANKING

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Period	Real Estate			Savings Banks	Cheque Paying Banks		
	Mortgages		Transferred	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Deposits (a)	Balance of Advances (a)	Debits to Clients' Accounts (b)
	Loaned	Discharged					
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year:	1954-55	3,107	1,321	5,391	127,325	124,458	52,117
	1955-56	3,186	1,405	5,537	133,068	122,374	54,499
	1956-57	3,538	1,306	5,190	138,352	126,242	53,260
	1957-58	3,695	1,697	6,034	145,615	134,711	57,286
	1958-59	4,747	1,795	6,541	151,427	132,179	62,791
Quarter:				£'000			
June	1957	3,661	1,410	5,811	139,796	133,516	52,803
Sept.		3,841	1,849	6,146	143,757	130,381	52,377
Dec.		3,401	1,504	5,551	146,000	136,037	56,194
Mar.	1958	3,572	1,613	5,935	146,176	141,178	57,502
June		3,968	1,820	6,504	146,529	131,350	62,985
Sept.		5,402	2,234	6,615	149,596	125,208	63,253
Dec.		4,391	1,643	6,041	150,415	129,536	63,483
Mar.	1959	4,123	1,345	6,198	151,732	138,129	61,897
June		5,071	1,957	7,309	153,966	136,299	62,462
Sept.		5,002	2,374	7,881	159,107	132,003	64,645
Dec.		5,086	2,094	7,665	162,352	135,605	66,717
Mar.	1960	5,181	2,132	8,496	162,867	n.a.	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Jan.	1958	3,713	1,878	4,813	146,354	139,610	57,311
Feb.		3,202	1,358	5,700	146,246	142,679	57,235
Mar.		3,803	1,603	7,291	145,930	141,637	58,008
Jan.	1959	3,574	1,727	4,879	150,836	130,946	64,150
Feb.		4,224	1,365	6,784	151,799	139,241	61,992
Mar.		4,572	942	6,931	152,559	144,201	59,549
Jan.	1960	5,034	2,242	6,468	162,549	139,416	66,234
Feb.		4,959	2,270	7,769	163,063	140,934	65,936
Mar.		5,549	1,883	11,251	162,988	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954, and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.

(b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

"C" SERIES INDEX

(Base of each group: weighted average of six capital cities 1923-27 = 1,000)

Period	Food and Groceries		Rent	Clothing	Miscell -aneous	All Groups	
	A	B				A	B
Year	1954-55	-	2,590	1,197	3,231	2,116	- 2,311
	1955-56	2,659	2,734	1,303	3,228	2,177	2,371 2,398
	1956-57	2,724	2,847	1,415	3,240	2,252	2,437 2,481
	1957-58	2,707	2,687	1,524	3,324	2,345	2,494 2,484
	1958-59	2,924	2,910	1,641	3,333	2,362	2,602 2,597
Quarter:	June 1958	2,763	2,727	1,592	3,355	2,350	2,537 2,522
	Sept.	2,853	2,815	1,618	3,356	2,364	2,577 2,563
	Dec.	2,899	2,894	1,640	3,331	2,364	2,593 2,591
	Mar. 1959	2,936	2,946	1,651	3,319	2,360	2,605 2,609
	June	3,007	2,984	1,657	3,325	2,359	2,632 2,625
	Sept.	3,044	3,024	1,680	3,355	2,434	2,672 2,665
	Dec.	3,036	3,037	1,706	3,402	2,454	2,689 2,690
	Mar. 1960	3,169	3,136	1,739	3,457	2,457	2,749 2,739

INTERIM INDEX

(Base of each group: 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Food		Rent	Clothing and Drapery	Other	All Groups	
	A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	106.3	106.2	105.6	102.9	99.9	103.6 103.6
	1955-56	108.7	111.1	114.9	102.9	103.7	106.3 107.2
	1956-57	111.1	114.9	124.8	103.9	107.9	109.5 110.9
	1957-58	112.2	111.9	134.6	107.1	111.2	112.6 112.5
	1958-59	118.0	118.0	144.9	107.9	113.0	116.4 116.4
Quarter:	June 1958	114.2	113.4	140.6	108.1	111.6	114.2 114.0
	Sept.	116.0	115.3	143.0	108.2	112.6	115.4 115.2
	Dec.	116.9	117.2	144.8	108.0	112.6	115.9 116.0
	Mar. 1959	118.4	119.1	145.7	107.6	113.3	116.6 116.8
	June	120.7	120.5	146.2	107.8	113.5	117.6 117.5
	Sept.	121.2	121.1	148.1	108.7	117.5	119.2 119.2
	Dec.	120.3	120.8	150.4	109.8	119.1	119.8 120.0
	Mar. 1960	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a. n.a.

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.

RAINFALL - AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Period	Central	Statistical Division					Whole State
		Lower North	Upper North	South Eastern	West- ern	Murray Mallee	
TOTALS FOR PERIOD		Inches					
Mean (a)	18.17	16.62	14.04	23.78	14.01	12.66	15.84
Year:							
1955	22.72	19.28	17.03	27.01	17.42	16.68	19.36
1956	20.88	21.13	18.45	28.10	21.46	16.51	20.46
1957	11.36	10.62	10.23	17.39	8.73	8.19	10.06
1958	17.29	15.70	17.29	23.59	16.02	13.58	16.25
1959 p	10.95	9.50	9.30	14.06	8.33	8.12	9.43
Wheatgrowing Season		Inches					
Season (Apr.-Nov.) - Mean (a)	14.99	13.46	10.81	19.69	11.68	9.70	12.85
1955	18.70	15.24	12.76	23.72	14.44	13.00	15.71
1956	18.86	18.98	16.09	24.78	19.26	13.82	18.18
1957	10.38	9.36	8.15	14.44	7.34	6.58	8.67
1958	15.65	13.67	15.32	22.27	13.20	11.98	14.21
1959 p	7.19	6.01	5.90	8.76	5.83	5.38	6.22
Month:							
Jan.	1959 p	0.19	0.32	0.54	0.28	0.08	0.20
Feb.	p	0.85	0.92	0.79	1.19	0.70	0.83
Mar.	p	1.45	1.44	1.39	2.03	1.16	1.04
Apr.	p	0.27	0.30	0.11	0.42	0.23	0.09
May	p	0.46	0.26	0.47	0.64	0.57	0.37
June	p	0.40	0.43	0.23	0.84	0.46	0.27
July	p	1.16	1.44	1.79	1.38	1.15	0.63
Aug.	p	1.47	1.03	0.56	2.66	0.61	0.87
Sept.	p	1.33	1.01	1.17	1.48	1.02	0.93
Oct.	p	1.44	0.90	1.13	0.75	0.67	1.73
Nov.	p	0.66	0.64	0.44	0.59	1.12	0.49
Dec.	p	1.27	0.81	0.68	1.80	0.56	0.67
Jan.	1960 p	0.42	0.58	0.56	1.31	0.68	0.44
Feb.	p	2.07	1.73	0.92	2.45	1.91	1.66
Mar.	p	0.68	0.65	0.36	0.81	0.37	0.43

(a) 54 years, 1905-1958.

NOTE: Rainfall figures are means of readings at selected stations in agricultural areas of each Statistical Division of the State.

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